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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. William F. Caton **Acting Secretary** Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TWB-204 Washington, DC 20554

Re:

Application by Verizon New England Inc., et. al. To Provide In-Region, InterLATA

Services in Vermont, CC Docket No. 02-7

Dear Mr. Caton:

On Monday, April 1, 2002, AT&T and WorldCom met jointly with Rich Lerner, Tamara Preiss, Deena Shetler, Josh Swift, Aaron Goldschmidt, Raj Kannan, Marvin Sacks, Jonathan Secrest, and Carol Canteen of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Competitive Pricing Division. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss general methodologies used to calculate the minute of use rate element for unbundled switching. Participating on behalf of WorldCom were Mark Schneider, Lori Wright and Christopher Frentrup. Participating on behalf of AT&T were David Lawson, Michael Lieberman, Catherine Pitts and the undersigned.

Although the meeting did not occur within the context of a 271 application currently pending before the Commission, the flawed methodology used by Verizon to compute its switch usage rate in Vermont was discussed. Specifically, WorldCom and AT&T raised concerns regarding Verizon's "busy hour" calculation and the resulting exclusion of weekend use in the computation of Verizon's switch rates. The issues raised by WorldCom and AT&T were consistent with filings previously made in the above-captioned proceeding.

Sincerely,

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Julie Veach

Kelly Trainor (DOJ)

Peter Bluhm (VPSB)

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